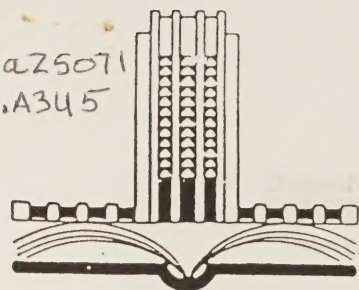


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## CHRYSANTHEMUM (Chrysanthemum morifolium)

Chrysanthemums are a favored plant throughout the world. History tells us that they were found growing in China over 1500 years ago. They became popular as a garden plant during the middle of the fourth century. Seeds from China were introduced into Japan in 366 A.D., and in 910 A.D. the chrysanthemum was named the national flower of Japan. Holland, in 1689, became the first European country to receive plants, although interestingly enough these early introductions failed to survive. Chrysanthemums were not introduced into the United States until 1798.

The 20th Century finds the modern chrysanthemum one of the most popular and versatile of plants. They are, however, far different from the plants found in the Orient over 1000 years ago. Through research, advances came in production and cultural practices including the use of growth retardant chemicals.

Today's chrysanthemums, with their wide range of colors, controlled heights, and various types of flowers are well adapted to the demands of the modern marketplace, and are favored by landscape designers and architects. They are indeed a mainstay of the floral industry and are truly a plant for all seasons.

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